† Lauds Hymn †

Crux Fidélis

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Crux fidé-lis, inter ómnes Arbor úna nóbi- lis :
Núlla sílva tá-lem pró-fert, Frónde, fló- re, gérmi-ne :
* Dúlce lígnum, dúlces clávos, Dúlce póndus sústi-net.

Faithful Cross! above all other,
one and only noble Tree!

None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peers may be;

Sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest Weight is hung on thee!

℣. 8. Flécte rámos, árbor álta, Ténsa láxa vísce-ra, Et rí-
gor lentéscat ílle, Quem dédit na-tí-vi- tas : Et su-pérni
mémbra Régis Ténde mí- ti stípi- te. * Dúlce lignum.
℣. 9. Só-la dígna tu fu- í-sti Férre múndi víctimam : Atque
pórtum praepa-rá-re Arca múndo náufrago : Quam sá-
cer crú- or per-únxit, Fúsus Agni córpo-re. Crux fidélis.
℣. 10. Sempi-térna sit be- á-tae Tri-ni-tá-ti gló-ri- a :
Æqua Pátri Fi-li- óque; Par décus Pa-rácli-to : Uní- us
Tri-níque nómen Láudet u-ni-vérsi- tas. Amen. * Dúlce.

Lofty tree, bend down thy branches,
to embrace thy sacred load;

oh, relax the native tension
of that all too rigid wood;

gently, gently bear the members
of thy dying King and God.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron...

Tree, which solely wast found worthy
the world's Victim to sustain.

harbor from the raging tempest!
ark, that saved the world again!

Tree, with sacred blood anointed
of the Lamb for sinners slain.
Faithful Cross! above all other...

Blessing, honor, everlasting,
to the immortal Deity;

to the Father, Son, and Spirit,
equal praises ever be;

glory through the earth and heaven
to Trinity in Unity. Amen.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron...

† Lauds Psalmody †

Psalm 51

Cantor	God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*
East Choir	Have mercy on me, **O** God, * according to your merciful *love;* according to your great com**pas**sion, * blot out my transgres*sions.* Wash me completely from my ini**qui**ty, * and cleanse me from my *sin.* God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*
West Choir	My transgressions, truly I **know** them; * my sin is always before *me.* Against you, you alone, have **I** sinned; * what is evil in your sight I have *done.* So you are just in your **sen**tence, * without reproach in your judg*ment.* God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*
East Choir	O see, in guilt I **was** born, * a sinner when my mother conceived *me.* Yes, you delight in sincerity **of** heart; * in secret you teach me wis*dom.* Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall **be** pure; * wash me, and I shall be whiter than *snow.* God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*
West Choir	Let me hear rejoicing and **glad**ness, * that the bones you have crushed may ex*ult.* Turn away your face from **my** sins, * and blot out all my *guilt.* God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*
East Choir	Create a pure heart for me, **O** God; * renew a steadfast spirit within *me.* Do not cast me away from your **pre**sence; * take not your holy spirit from *me.* God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*
West Choir	Restore in me the joy of your sal**va**tion; * sustain in me a willing spi*rit.* I will teach transgressors **your** ways, * that sinners may return to *you.* God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*
East Choir	Rescue me from bloodshed, **O** God, * God of my salvation, and then my tongue shall ring out your jus*tice.* O LORD, open **my** lips *

	and my mouth shall proclaim your *praise.* God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*
West Choir	For in sacrifice you take no **de**light; * burnt offering from me would not please *you.* My sacrifice to God, a broken **spi**rit: * a broken and humbled heart, O God, you will not *spurn.* God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*
East Choir	In your good pleasure, show favor to **Si**on; * rebuild the walls of Jerusa*lem*. Then you will delight in right sac**ri**fice, * burnt offerings wholly consumed. Then you will be offered young bulls on your al*tar.*
Full Choir *profound bow*	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit. * As it was in the beginning is now, and every shall be world without end. A*men.*
Full Choir	God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our *sake.*

Habakkuk 3:2-4,13a,15-19

Cantor	Jesus Christ loved us, and poured out his own blood for us to wash away our *sins.*
East Choir	O Lord, I have heard your **re**nown, * and feared, O Lord, your *work.* In the course of the years re**vive** it, * in the course of the years make it known; in your wrath remember compass*ion!*
West Choir	God comes from **Te**man, * the Holy One from Mount Pa*ran.* Covered are the heavens with his **glo**ry, * and with praise the earth is *filled.*
East Choir	His splendor spreads like **the** light; * rays shine forthy from beside him, where his power is con*cealed.* You come forth to save your **peo**ple, * to save your anointed *one.*
West Choir	You tread the sea with **your** steeds * amid the churning of the deep wa*ters.* I hear, and my body **trem**bles; * at the sound, my lips qui*ver.*
East Choir	Decay invades **my** bones, * my legs tremble beneath *me.* I await the day of **dis**tress * that will come upon the people who attack *us.*

West Choir	For though the fig tree blos**som** not * nor fruit be on the *vines,* though yield of the o**live** fail * and the terraces produce no nourish*ment,*
East Choir	Though the flocks disappear from **the** fold * and there be no herd in the *stalls,* yet will I rejoice in **the** Lord * and exult in my saving *God.*
West Choir	God, my Lord, is **my** strength; * he makes my feet swift as those of hinds and enables me to go upon the *heights.*
Full Choir *profound bow*	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit. * As it was in the beginning is now, and every shall be world without end. A*men.*
Full Choir	Jesus Christ loved us, and poured out his own blood for us to wash away our *sins.*

Psalm 147:12-20

Cantor	We worship your cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify your resur**rec**tion, * for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the *world.*
East Choir	O Jerusalem, glorify **the** LORD! * O Sion, praise your *God!* He has strengthened the bars of **your** gates; * he has blessed your children within *you.* He established peace on your **bor**ders; * he gives you your fill of finest *wheat.* We worship your cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify your resur**rec**tion, * for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the *world.*
West Choir	He sends out his word to **the** earth, * and swiftly runs his com*mand.* He showers down snow **like** wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ash*es.* We worship your cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify your resur**rec**tion, * for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the *world.*
East Choir	He hurls down hailstones **like** crumbs; * before such cold, who can *stand?* He sends forth his word and it **melts** them; * at the blowing of his breath the waters *flow.* We worship your cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify your resur**rec**tion, * for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the *world.*
West Choir	He reveals his word to **Ja**cob; * to Israel, his decrees and judg*ments.* He has not dealt thus with other **na**tions; * he has not taught them his judg*ments.*

Full Choir *profound bow*	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit. * As it was in the beginning is now, and every shall be world without end. A*men.*
Full Choir	We worship your cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify your resur**rec**tion, * for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the *world.*

† Lauds Reading †

Isaiah 52:13-15

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him - so marred was his look beyond that of mortals - So shall he startle many nations, because of him kings shall stand speechless; for those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it.

† Antiphon †

kneel

East Choir	Chrístus fáctus est pro nóbis obédiens usque ad **mór**tem, * mortem autem cru*cis.*
West Choir	For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting e**ven** death, * death on a *cross.*
Full Choir	Chrístus fáctus est pro nóbis obédiens usque ad **mór**tem, * mortem autem cru*cis.* *(silence)*

† Benedictus †

Luke 1:68-79

stand

	Cantor	Over his head they hung their accu**sa**tion: * Jesus of Nazareth, King of the *Jews.*
make the Sign of the Cross	East Choir	Blessed be the Lord, the God of Is**ra**el; * he has come to his people and set them *free.*
	West Choir	He has raised up for us a mighty **sa**vior, * born of the house of his servant Da*vid.*
	East Choir	Through his holy prophets he promised **of** old * that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate *us.*
	West Choir	He promised to show mercy to our **fa**thers, * and to remember his holy cove*nant.*

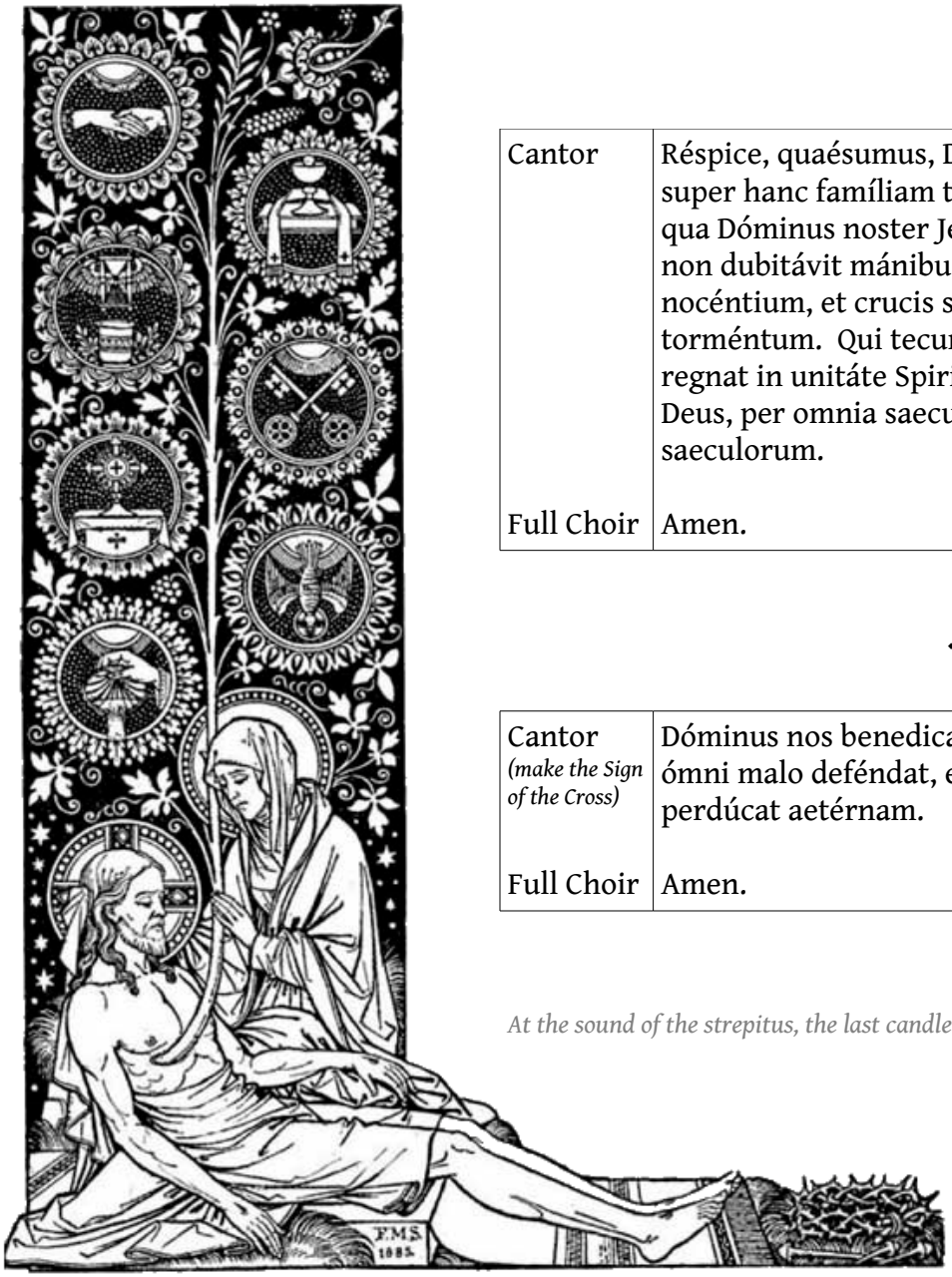
East Choir	This was the oath he swore to our father Ab**ra**ham: * to set us free from the hands of our ene*mies,* free to worship him with**out** fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our *life.*
West Choir	You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the **Most** High; * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his *way,* to give his people knowledge of sal**va**tion * by the forgiveness of their *sins.*
East Choir	In the tender compassion of **our** God * the dawn from on high shall break upon *us,* to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow **of** death, * and to guide our feet into the way of *peace.*
Full Choir *profound bow*	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit. * As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end. A*men.*
Full Choir	Over his head they hung their accu**sa**tion: * Jesus of Nazareth, King of the *Jews.*

✝ Intercessions ✝

Cantor	For our sake our Redeemer suffered and was buried, and rose **a**gain. * With heartfelt love let us adore him, and *pray:*
Full Choir	Kýrie, eléis*on.*
Cantor	Christ our teacher, for our sake you were obedient even to accep**ting** death. Teach us to obey the Father's will in all *things.*
Full Choir	Kýrie, eléis*on.*
Cantor	Christ our life, by your death on the cross you destroyed the power of evil **and** death. * May we die with you, to rise with you in glo*ry.*
Full Choir	Kýrie, eléis*on.*
Cantor	Christ our King, you became an outcast among us, a worm and **no** man. * Teach us the humility by which you saved the *world.*
Full Choir	Kýrie, eléis*on.*
Cantor	Christ our salvation, you gave yourself up to death out of love **for** us. * Help us to show your love to one ano*ther.*
Full Choir	Kýrie, eléis*on.*
Cantor	Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your out**stretched** arms. * Unite God's scattered children in your kingdom of salva*tion.*
Full Choir	Kýrie, eléis*on.*

† Lord's Prayer †

Lector	Orémus. Praecéptis salutáribus móniti, et divína institutióne formáti, audémus dícere:	*Let us pray. At our savior's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:*
Full Choir	Pater noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificétur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat volúntas tua, sicut in caelo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidiánum da nobis hódie. Et dimítte débita nostra, sicut et nos dimíttimus debitóribus nostris. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem, sed líbera nos a malo. Amen.	*Our Father,* *who art in heaven,* *hallowed be thy name.* *Thy kingdom come.* *Thy will be done,* *on earth as it is in heaven.* *Our daily bread* *Give us this day* *And forgive us our trespasses,* *as we forgive those who trespass against us* *And lead us not into temptation,* *but deliver us from evil.* *Amen.*



† Prayer †

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Cantor	Réspice, quaésumus, Dómine, super hanc famíliam tuam, pro qua Dóminus noster Jesus Christus non dubitávit mánibus tradi nocéntium, et crucis subíre torméntum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.	*Father, look with love upon your people, the love which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us when he delivered himself to evil men and suffered the agony of the cross, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.*
Full Choir	Amen.	*Amen.*

† Blessing †

kneel

Cantor *(make the Sign of the Cross)*	Dóminus nos benedicat, et ab ómni malo deféndat, et ad vítam perdúcat aetérnam.	*May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.*
Full Choir	Amen.	*Amen.*

At the sound of the strepitus, the last candle is brought back into view. All stand and leave in silence.